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Long Beach Wins SIX APA AWARDS

In June 2016, Long Beach received six awards from the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). The annual awards recognize exceptional planning achievements by individuals, cities, agencies, non-profits, and businesses in the Los Angeles region. This is the third year that Development Services has been recognized by the APA. Thanks in part to the diligent efforts of the Planning Bureau staff, the following initiatives and projects have been recognized for helping to shape the course of planning by providing safer and healthier communities and places of lasting value.

- **Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (ANAO); Implementation Award,**

Large Jurisdiction, Award of Excellence. The ANAO was adopted in 2013 to address community concerns regarding public safety, nuisance activity, and poor site maintenance and appearance at retail alcohol stores.

- **Terminal Island (TI) Freeway Transition Plan; Urban Design, Award of Excellence.** This Plan addresses environmental concerns and reflects the community's vision for converting a one-mile underutilized section of the freeway into a local-serving road with an associated green space.
- **Billboard Ordinance; Hard Won Victory, Award of Merit.** Since its adoption in July 2014, the Billboard Ordinance has provided for the removal of 48 nonconforming billboards in the City.
- **Long Beach Civic Center Project; Urban Design, Award of Merit.** This project will consist of a new

City Hall, Port Headquarters, Main Library, Lincoln Park and Civic Plaza, along with commercial development with no new tax burden on residents.

- **West Long Beach Livability Implementation Plan; Neighborhood Planning Award, Award of Merit.** A joint project with the Port of Long Beach, this Plan seeks to identify, prioritize and strategize the implementation of projects and initiatives that will provide a variety of neighborhood benefits in West Long Beach.
- **Century Villages at Cabrillo Gateway and Anchor Place developments; Opportunity & Empowerment Award, Award of Merit.** Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC) is a 27-acre campus development providing housing and assistance to the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

Director's Message



Summer is here, and Long Beach Development Services is sizzling with a number of community events, programs and initiatives, and several construction projects underway. This issue reflects the Department's strong commitment to helping to build a more dynamic, safe, and livable City.

From the groundbreaking of the new Long Beach Civic Center to a new Starbucks coming to North Long Beach, the Department remains focused on development that promotes revitalization, and improves the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in Long Beach. While some neighborhoods may be experiencing growing pains due to increased construction activity, this development will reap long-term benefits and economic opportunities for the City and its residents for years to come.

Keeping in line with our goal of increasing the economic stability of the City, the Department continues to focus efforts on providing new housing opportunities in the Downtown, with completion of The Current and approved financing for Beacon Apartments.

As always, our staff remains dedicated to enhancing delivery of core services at the public counter. Since April, we have served 16,000 customers and issued more than 3,000 permits!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping to Build a Better Long Beach!

Sincerely,

Amy J. Bodek, AICP
Director

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Department News

The Department recognizes that operational efficiency and effectiveness begin with a solid foundation. To strengthen the functions of the Department, Development Services is pleased to announce the following staff hires.

Carrie Tai – Advance Planning Officer

Carrie oversees various capital improvement projects, administers planning activities, and provides recommendations and informational support to the City Council, the Planning Commission, and City management. She also serves as the City's Zoning Administrator. Carrie holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Hunter College of The City University of New York, and brings nearly 15 years of experience in urban planning. Carrie can be reached at 562.570.6411 or carrie.tai@longbeach.gov.

Permit Technicians

To ensure customer service excellence and maximize efficiency at the public counter, the Department has assigned Permit Technicians to assist with the issuance of permits, and provide routine and technical information regarding municipal code requirements. The Permit Technicians are located at City Hall, 4th floor, and are available to assist with all of your permitting needs. To schedule an appointment or for questions, call 562.570.5237.



Provide Input on the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan

As part of the development of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Grant Administration Division staff will host a series of community workshops to offer several opportunities for the public to provide input on prioritizing housing and community needs for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds. The Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive planning document that assesses overall needs for affordable housing, homeless shelters and services, infrastructure improvements, and community and economic development. We want to hear from you! Join us at one of the following free community workshops.

Central Long Beach - Saturday, October 8, 2016, 10:00 am
at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.

North Long Beach - Saturday, October 15, 2016, 10:00 am
at Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.

West Long Beach - Saturday, November 5, 2016, 10:00 am
at Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.

The public is also encouraged to provide ideas and suggestions on the City's housing by taking a brief online survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LongBeach_English_CP.

For more information on the Consolidated Plan development, contact Alem Hagos at 562.570.7403 or alem.hagos@longbeach.gov.

Southeast Area Specific Plan



Efforts to comprehensively review and update the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan (SEADIP), now known as the Southeast Area Specific Plan (SEASP), have continued to evolve based on input provided by the public and community stakeholders. The Planning Bureau staff and the consultant team have prepared a Hearing Draft, which outlines the objectives, vision, guiding principles, and administration and implementation of the proposed project that will affect 1,500 acres of southeast Long Beach. Further, a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed SEASP update has been completed and is available for public comment beginning July 20, 2016, through September 19, 2016. To view the Hearing Draft, go to <http://bit.ly/HearingDraftSEASP>. To view the DEIR, go to http://lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp. For the latest news regarding this project or to get involved, visit www.lbds.info/seadip_update, to sign up for e-mail notifications, status updates, and register for the Long Beach Town Hall online forum.

Anchor Place Groundbreaking

In April 2016, the City celebrated the groundbreaking of Anchor Place, a 120-unit supportive housing development for homeless families and veterans. Located within the CVC campus at 2001 River Ave., the development will provide residents with access to comprehensive on-site supportive services, including case management, physical and mental health services, and employment services. The Housing and Community Improvement Bureau staff is also helping the City to move one step closer on plans for another affordable housing development in partnership with the Century Housing Corporation. In May 2016, the City Council authorized the City and the developer to jointly apply for state funding for the Beacon Apartments, a proposed 121-unit development that would serve extremely low- to low-income seniors over the age of 62 years; and a 39-unit supportive housing building for extremely low-income veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Anchor Place and Beacon Apartments will help to fill a critical need for affordable housing, while enhancing quality of life and supporting vitality throughout the City. For information on affordable housing in Long Beach, visit http://www.lbds.info/housing_and_community_improvement/default.asp.



Neighborhood Partners Program

In April 2016, the Craftsman Village Historic District installed 10 pet waste stations that will be adopted and maintained by volunteers for the next five years, thanks to dedicated residents and our Neighborhood Services Bureau's Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP). NPP is available to established neighborhood and community groups within designated Community Development Block grant (CDBG) areas, and provides matching grants of up to \$10,000 for a variety of improvement and beautification projects that serve the community. For more information on this program or to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/1VmRr11>.



Historic District Guidelines

The City is currently preparing Historic District Guidelines to provide information on the types of alterations that are permitted under City regulations. In June 2016, the Planning Bureau staff held the first of a series of workshops to discuss the proposed guidelines, which will impact how historic property owners care for, remodel, or possibly expand their home. To date, the City has prepared draft Historic Guidelines for the Wilton, Minerva, Eliot Lane, and Brenner Place districts. To view the Draft Historic District Guidelines, go to <http://bit.ly/DraftHG>. Residents of Belmont Heights, Hellman Street/ Craftsman Village, Rose Park, and Rose Park South are invited to attend a community workshop and provide input on the guidelines. The free event will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at 11:00 am at the Manazar Gamboa Community Theater, 1323 Gundry Ave. For more information on historic preservation, call 562.570.6192 or visit http://www.lbds.info/planning/historic_preservation/default.asp.

New California Energy Code

Effective January 2017, all residential and non-residential projects submitted for permitting will be reviewed and inspected per the new 2016 California Building Codes, to include the updated California Energy standards. The Building and Safety Bureau staff has scheduled a series of trainings for staff and the public to learn about these new regulations and ensure compliance. Building inspectors and examiners are encouraged to attend a free training session on the non-residential standards on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 8:30 am at the Long Beach Main Library Auditorium, 101 Pacific Ave. To register to attend go to <http://bit.ly/2aQLt17>. For more information on the updated Building Codes, contact the Building and Safety Bureau at 562.570.5237.

Safe Long Beach News



Safe Long Beach, the City's Violence Prevention Plan, addresses a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence to attain the goal of building a safer Long Beach by 2020. The following represents the Department's latest collaborative *Safe Long Beach* efforts. For more information about *Safe Long Beach*, visit www.lbvpp.com.



My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Local Action Plan Launch



In June 2016, the City Council adopted the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Local Action Plan, a significant effort to establish and implement new approaches to address the needs and priorities of youth and ensure that all young people, including boys and young men of color, have the opportunity to succeed. The MBK Local Action

Plan focuses on six crucial milestones for success, as recommended by the Obama Administration. In April 2016, the Neighborhood Relations Division staff hosted a convening and call to action event as part of the City's Safe Long Beach efforts. To view an iClip of this event, go to www.mbklongbeach.com.

Mentor Call To Action

A key element to the success of building an MBK Community is mentoring. The call to action encourages Long Beach residents to commit to volunteer to be mentors through an established network of mentoring agencies. For more information, or to sign up to be a mentor, visit www.MBKLongBeach.com.

Strengthening Families Conference

In May 2016, the Neighborhood Relations Division team partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to host the Strengthening Families Conference. The conference focused on enhancing the support and education of children who have been exposed to violence, as well as ensuring the safety and well-being of all young people. More than 250 community members participated in a series of workshops that discussed important topics for parents, caregivers, and professionals who work with youth and families.



Bee Smart, Bee Safe Elder Abuse Prevention Workshop



Together with Councilman Supernaw, Councilwoman Mungo, and the Long Beach Elder Abuse Prevention Team, the Neighborhood Relations Division team hosted a *Bee Smart, Bee Safe* Elder Abuse Prevention Workshop in June 2016. The event featured a series of presentations and exhibitors from local healthcare and social service agencies for at-risk seniors, and included a Q&A panel discussion with elder abuse prevention experts. The event provided valuable information and tips to ensure the safety of elders.

Public Meetings & Events 2016

2016 Energy Code

Non-Residential Standards Training
Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 8:30 am
Long Beach Main Library Auditorium
101 Pacific Ave.

Housing Resource Fair and Mayor's Forum

Saturday, September 24, 2016,
10:00 am
Cesar E. Chavez Park
Jenny Oropeza Community Center
401 Golden Ave.

Historic District Guidelines Community Workshop

Saturday, October 1, 2016, 11:00 am
Manazar Gamboa
Community Theater
1323 Gundry Ave.

Consolidated Plan Workshop - Central Long Beach

Saturday, October 8, 2016, 10:00 am
Martin Luther King Jr. Park
1950 Lemon Ave.

The Cultural Heritage Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

The Long Beach Community Investment Company Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in City Hall in the 3rd Floor Large Conference Room.

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Zoning Administrative Hearings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 pm in City Hall in the 7th Floor Large Conference Room.

Agendas subject to change. For more information about meetings and events, please call 562.570.LBDS, or visit us online at www.lbds.info.



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